

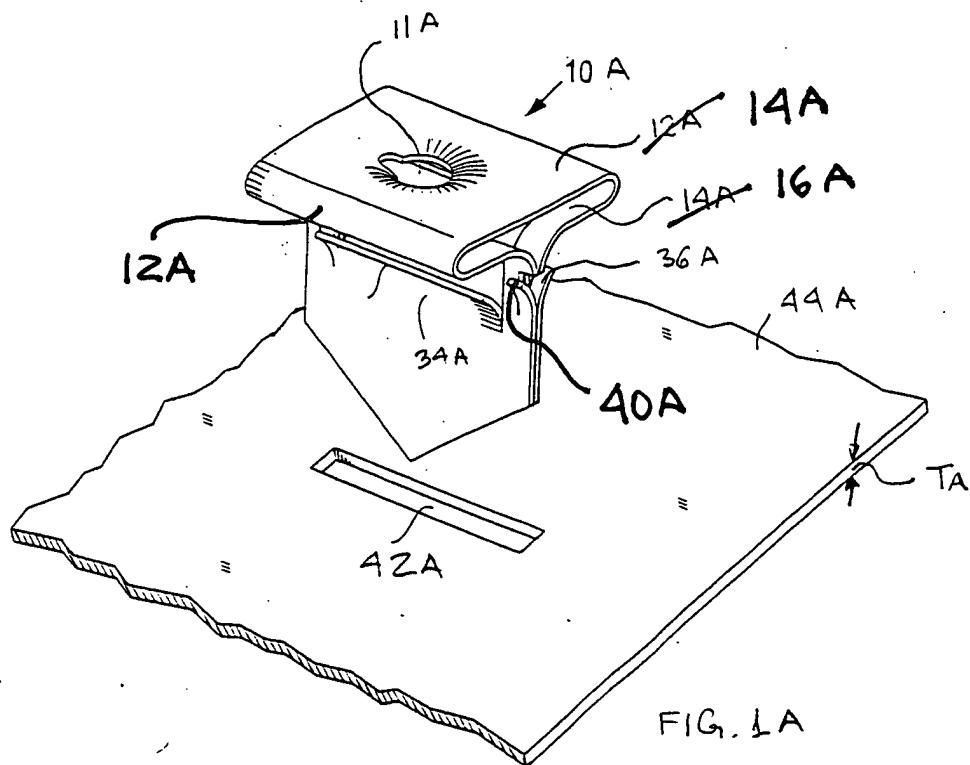
REMARKS

An Action on the Merits of this Divisional Application is respectfully requested.

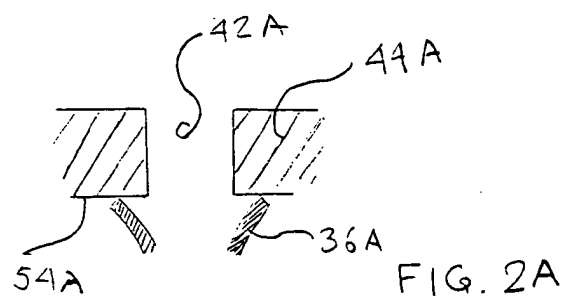
Applicants amended Figures 1A and 2A to include the legend -- Prior Art --. Correction was also made regarding the reference character 12A to be 14A (upper side of the head of the fastener 10A), of 14A to be 16A (lower side of the head of the fastener 10A), and the addition of 12A to designate the head of the fastener 10A, as well as the addition of 40A to designate the front part of the barbs 36A. The Amendment regarding the correction of the reference characters finds support in Figure 1, wherein all reference characters designating miscellaneous elements are the same for respective elements in Figure 1A, with the difference the letter "A" follows the reference character in Figure 1A.

A sheet of an Annotated and Marked-up Copy, as well as a Replacement Sheet containing the amended Figures 1A and 2A are respectfully submitted herewith.

ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

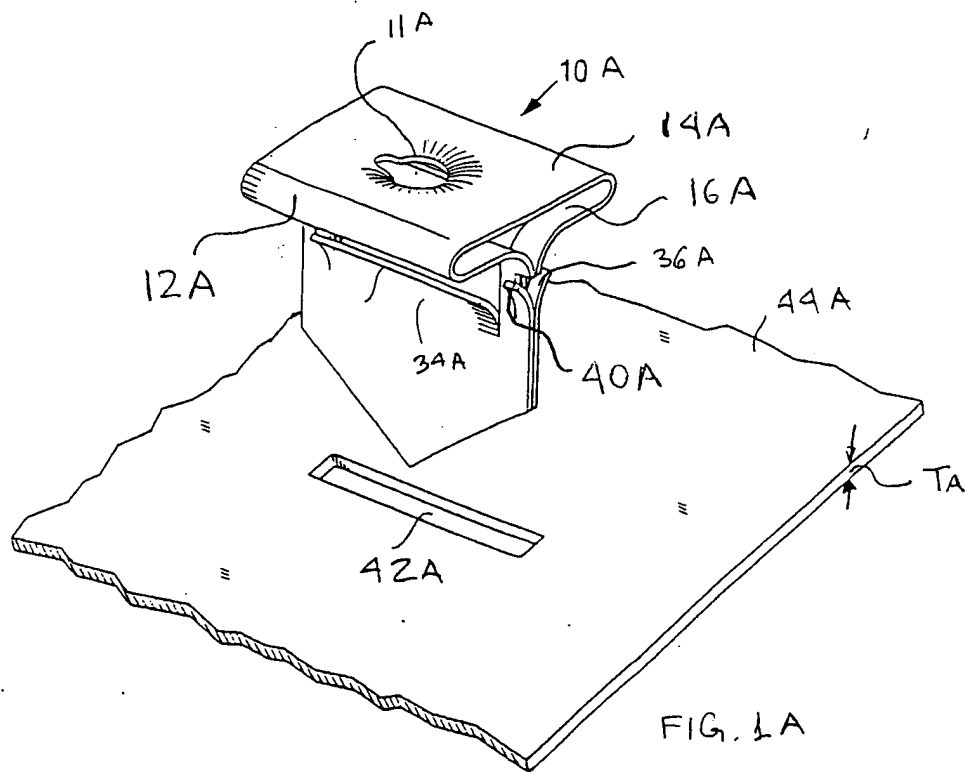


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REPLACEMENT SHEET



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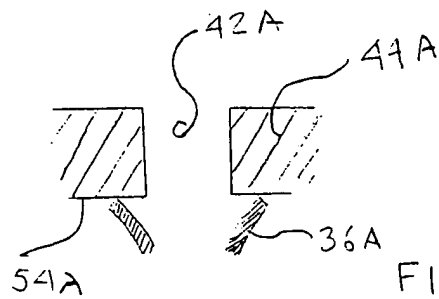


FIG. 2A

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